



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

November 2018



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WENDY:

Gifts of Grace

November is the time when we intentionally focus our thoughts toward giving thanks. We recognize our blessings, and we give our thanks to Source of all blessing, our loving and merciful God. During November at Centennial UMC at Ivy, in a spirit of discovery and gratitude, we will be turning our focus to our spiritual gifts.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God has graced every believer with unique spiritual gifts. Some have gifts of administration, leadership, or evangelism. Others possess gifts of faith, mercy, or giving, teaching, shepherding, or intercession, to name just a few. As believers, it is important for us to be aware of our unique spiritual gifts. We have been entrusted by God to be stewards of our spiritual gifts and expected to put them to work for the glory of God. Our spiritual gifts are God's graces that are meant to benefit us, our church, community, and ultimately the kingdom of God.

Join us in November as we explore our spiritual gifts. Discover your own unique gift blend and imagine ways God may be equipping and calling you to serve.

Grace upon grace,
Pastor Wendy

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you." –Philippians 1:3-4



CHILI & OYSTER STEW SUPPER Saturday, November 3rd 4:30-7:00 pm

The 69th annual Chili & Oyster Stew Supper & Bazaar sponsored by the UMW will be Saturday November 3 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. All you can eat for a free will offering. The bazaar tables will be loaded with baked goods, gift items, gift baskets, cook books and more! There will also be a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit UMW's missions. Hope to see you there



SAVE THE DATE!!

OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY SCENE Saturday, December 1st 6:00 pm



STEALING CHRISTMAS! FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH – 6:30 PM

Actors of all ages present a lighthearted play about the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem

<https://www.cemlife.com/products/stealing-christmas>

Women Before Work

When: Every Tuesday during the month of June.

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 am

Where: Church

Please feel free to join us anytime!

LIBRARY

“Fall” into our church library for your autumn reading. There are books for all ages and all reading interests. “Leaf” through good books from our church library!

Don't forget the Little Free Library outside. “Take

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday – November 1st – 1:00 pm – UMW

Saturday – November 3rd – 4:30 – 7:30 pm – UMW Soup Supper & Bazaar

Monday – November 5th – 7:00 pm - Ministry Visioning Meeting
Discussion of 2019 Programs – Everyone is invited

Tuesday – November 6th – 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Monday – November 12th – 7:00 pm – Pub Theology –
Reclaimed Rails in Bondurant

Tuesday – November 20th – Steeple News Items Due

Every Wednesday – 5:30 pm – Dinner
6:00 – 7:00 pm Kids, Youth & Adult Study
7:00 – 7:30 pm Worship

FOOD PANTRY

The Caring Hands Outreach began in 2003 as a community of faith seeking to respond to the needs of people in the Southeast Polk community. Local churches of different denominations partner to develop resources for people in need.

CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY - assistance with food and other basic needs. CLOTHES HANGER - provides clothing and household items. MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER - free dinner served the last Monday night of each month at Adventureland Church.

Centennial's Food Pantry donation for October was 98 items.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the congregation for all the hygiene items that were brought in over the summer, we collected 455 items!

We also collected 236 items for the food drive for Bidwell.

A BIG THANK YOU again from the Missions committee for all the generous giving!

November Birthdays

3	Barb Bolt
4	Connie Bishop
5	Jennifer Simpson
9	Mel Visser
10	Brenda Stout
11	Arianna Heitman Stephanie Lampkin
15	Jan Adair Lloyd Hennigar Medea Saunders
16	Kayla Goforth Cynde Pool
18	Rob Campbell
19	Jo Provow
20	Gordon Atzen
21	John Bowie
22	Judy Hemingson
23	Jason Haley Dana King
25	Tim Morgan Julie Palmer
26	Deanna Carroll Melinda Martin Darin Wood
27	John Ferguson
28	Darlene Jones

November Anniversaries

18	Mindy & Terry Britt
21	Dennis & Connie Bishop

UMW

November will be a busy month for our United Methodist Women!

Nov. 1 - work day to prepare for the soup supper and bazaar

Nov. 3 - Chili & Oyster Stew Supper & Bazaar - 4:30-7:00 pm

Nov. 15 - regular meeting - 1:00 pm

Program - Judy Weeks & Hostess - Libby Hiatt

Nov. 27 - Reading Program book discussion - Aldersgate UMC - 1:30 pm

Special Session of the General Conference February 23-26, 2019

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

Conversations on the Way Forward

Central District 2018 Fall Gathering • December 2, Ankeny First 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Bishop Laurie along with General Conference Delegates will be visiting each district beginning in September. They will be present to worship, answer questions, and be in dialogue together around the pros and cons of each of the three COWF plans. All are invited to attend.

Commission on a Way Forward Three Plans

The Council of Bishops considered three plans developed by the Commission on a Way Forward. The Council of Bishops has indicated its majority recommendation for the One Church Plan, which could allow for different approaches in different places. Their report to the special called 2019 General Conference will also include information about the other two plans.

1. **One Church Plan (recommended):** The one-church model would allow different United Methodists in different places to make different decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates everywhere throughout the worldwide church. This plan would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and give conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to “uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.”

United Methodists in central conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe would retain the authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and could continue to include their traditional language and values.

This plan would also protect the rights of United Methodists whose theological convictions will not allow them to perform same-sex weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

2. **Traditionalist Plan:** This plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law.
3. **Connectional-Conference Plan:** This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed by each connectional conference. Annual conferences would determine their affiliation with a connectional conference. Local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference could vote to join another conference. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.

Right click on the link below to view the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward.

http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Forward_Report_-_Final_-_ENGLISH.pdf

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2018 Actual Giving vs. 2018 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,665.75	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,015.75	\$ 105.75
February	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,012.00		\$ 6,012.00	\$ (792.25)
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,893.50		\$ 5,893.50	\$ (1,808.75)
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,833.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,933.50	\$ (1,515.25)
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,448.25	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,528.25	\$ (897.00)
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,287.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,437.00	\$ 2,630.00
July	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,576.33		\$ 8,576.33	\$ (2,681.67)
August	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,225.33	\$ 140.00	\$ 10,365.33	\$ (3,426.34)
September	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays	\$ 14,013.00		\$ 14,013.00	\$ (3,301.34)
October	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
	Commitments paid in 2017		\$ 3,100.00			
2018 Budget	\$ 118,184.00		\$ 81,054.66	\$ 820.00	\$ 81,874.66	69.28%

52 Sundays in 2018

Required = 75%
Of Annual Budget

As of September, we are behind our 2018 Budget Goal by \$3,301.34 partly because of the increased budget.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Starting with the November newsletter, it will be sent out electronically via email and it will also be posted on the website. Please remember if you do not opt-in for a printed, mailed version of the newsletter then it will be emailed to you by default. Please also note that beginning in October any newsletters that are printed and mailed will be in black and white, the emailed version of the newsletter will be in color. If you would like to provide or update your email for our database, please reach out to Jeff Freel or email the church at ivycentennialumc@gmail.com



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